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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

IT'S TIME TO RETIRE

Beginning with the April issue the masthead of the *Hampden Hippocrat* will bear the name of a new Editor-in-Chief, as well as that of a new Assistant Editor.

On January 14, 1966 the incumbent Editor-in-Chief submitted his retirement intentions to the Executive Committee of the Society in the form of a letter, which read in part:

> Gentlemen:
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> There comes a time in the life of every man when, by necessity, he must curtail some of his activities. That time, I regret to say, has come to the Editor-in-Chief of the *Hampden Hippocrat.*
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> Accordingly, I'm planning to relinquish the stewardship of our bulletin as of April 1, 1966. I'm submitting my re-

tirement intentions now so as to ensure a smooth and orderly transition of the Editor's duties and responsibilities. To further facilitate the transition I recommend as my successor none other than the present Assistant Editor, Dr. John Ayres. He is capable, energetic, articulate, and has had a considerable amount of editing experience.

My interest in the *Hippocrat,* I assure you, will never lag. Of this I'm quite certain. There is little doubt in my mind that our bulletin has proved itself indispensable to the progress and welfare of the Society. I sincerely hope that the Society will continue to offer the *Hipppocrat* the same support and encouragement that it received during my tenure of office. I intend to make it clear to my successor that my services, either in advisory capacity or otherwise, will always be available.

Shortly after designating Dr. Ayres as Editor-in-Chief, the Executive Committee very prudently elevated Dr. H. Bernard Tillman from Associate Editor to Assistant Editor, the post vacated by Dr. Ayres. Dr. Tillman's thoroughness, his integrity, and his lucid literary style well qualify him for this new assignment.

At the last meeting of the Board of Editors (3/9/66) the retiring Editor-in-Chief bowed out with the following remarks:

"I sincerely believe that the *Hippocrat* will in no way suffer because of my retirement; it may indeed benefit by it. New blood is always in order, especially when, as in this case, it is imbued with so much ability, loyalty, enthusiam, and experience. I'm fully confident that the team of Ayres and Tillman will always strive to perpetuate the lofty aims of the *Hippocrat* as envisioned by its first Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Edward P. Bagg. I'm confident also that they will always be mindful of the purposes, principles and ideals of the Society. And finally I'm confident that the members of this Board, the officers of the Society, and the membership at large will offer the *Hippocrat's* new leadership the same wholehearted support and cooperation I was privileged to receive."

Millman

Cover: Interior of State Legislature. Courtesy, Dr. S. Skvirsky **(see page 30)**

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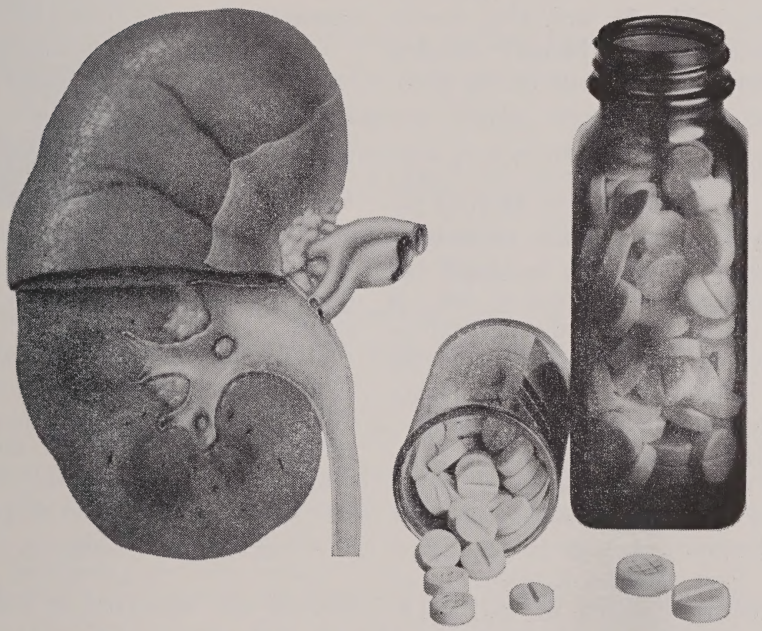

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(Highlights)

The Executive Committee met on February 15, 1966, at the Society's meeting rooms. Dr. Burkhardt, President, called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. Present were Drs. Memery, Moore, Griffin, Hayes, Mahoney, Mozden, LaMarche, and Mrs. Purdy.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved by the Committee.

Letters

A letter was read from Dr. Faulkner of the Massachusetts Medical Society asking the districts to endorse H 2965, the new bill to amend the Massachusetts birth control law. It was decided to obtain the new bill as written and study it. After studying it the Committee decided to announce it at the Annual Meeting in April.

A letter from Mr. Morin, Postmaster of Springfield, was read thanking the Society for sending some obscene literature back to the post office.

Dr. Paul McCleave, Director of Medicine & Religion of the AMA, wrote a "thank you" to the Society for its hospitality. He promises to return again in the future and, perhaps, do some TV work as invited by WWLP, Channel 22.

An informational letter from the local Druggist Association was read. The Springfield Druggists' Association disassociates itself from the "Professional Pharmacists Association" and will continue to voice the opinions of pharmacy in this area and work cooperatively with HDMS.

Committee Report

Dr. Mozden, Chairman of the Disaster Medical Care Committee, announced the planning of a disaster drill to be known as HAMPDEN ALERT-1966, which will be held on April 20, 1966, with the Society, administrators of hospitals, Civil Defense Agencies, Westover Air Force Base, Red Cross and others participating.

Mrs. Purdy gave a report of "office doings".

The "Relative Value Schedule" is ready to go to press. It should be available for the Annual Meeting and will be sold for $2.50 per copy to all interested people.

There were no grievances and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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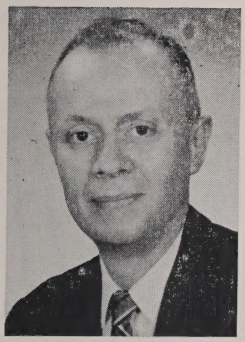

WHY COMPROMISE WITH EXCELLENCE?

Having settled the "Battle of the Sales Tax" by passing a bill acceptable to Governor Volpe, the General Court will turn now to a consideration of hundreds of other legislative bills.

Many of these involve medical matters. The Legislative Committee of the Massachusetts Medical Society will study each bill and decide what action is to be taken, pro or con, depending, of course, on the merits of the bill and on how it will affect medical care in the Commonwealth.

Our Legislative Councilor, Dr. Robert Emery, will keep our members informed on what action we are to take by individually contacting our representatives and senators to express our thoughts on the proposed legislation.

As the year begins the General Court will again be pressured to pass the Chiropractic Bill, H 441. This would establish a Board of Registration in Chiropractic to set its own standards and conduct its own examinations. Our Society has always vigorously opposed all attempts to permit the legal establishment of chiropractic in the Commonwealth, maintaining that there should be but a single standard for all who practice medicine. The bill passed the House last year and was defeated in the Senate by the narrow margin of 18 to 16. Senator Stanley Zarod of Indian Orchard voted for the Bill while Senator George Hammond of Westfield voted against it. I urge you to contact them about the 1966 Bill, H 441. We have established an excellent and world renowned standard of medicine in the Commonwealth. Let us not allow any compromise with excellence.

Henry Burkhardt, M.D.

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HAMPDEN CAPSULES

Dr. William Kaufmann has been appointed by Governor Volpe to a special commission to conduct investigations and make recommendations relative to the possible establishments of a state board of examiners of bioanalytical laboratories.

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Dr. Sheldon Goldberg writes "Polymorpha as a Cause of Otitis Externa" for the Archives of Otolaryngology, January, 1966.

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Dr. Lawrence Metz talked to nurses on epilepsy.

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Dr. David Booker, Chairman of the Public Health Committee — busy with speaking engagements. In Agawam, Danahy School PTA-showing "Human Growth" and "Quarter Million Teenagers" to 200 members with a question and answer period. Also at the YMCA to 60 boys and girls showing both movies and answering questions.

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Dr. William Hill spoke at First Church showing both films to a youth group.

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Dr. Walter Tauber spoke at Daniel Brunton School PTA, parents and children, on family living — showing "Human Growth".

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Dr. Lowell Bellin spoke to Republican Club of Ward 6; also to the Exchange Club.

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RADIO WACE programs planned for March, 1-2 P.M. Fridays, HDMS.

March 4 Dr. Martin Poppo on Arthritis

March 11 Dr. Donald Hayes on the Hampden District Medical Society

March 18 Dr. Robert LaMarche on Automobile Accident Prevention Program

March 25 Dr. John Fitz-Gibbon on Automobile Accident Prevention Program

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Medicare

The health insurance organization selected to serve as carrier for the medical insurance portion of the Medicare program is the **Mass. Medical Service (Blue Shield).**

HDMS GOLF DAY

Dr. Harry Roberts, Chairman of HDMS Golf Day, is announcing that the tournament for this year will be held on May 25, 1966 instead of September. At the February District Meeting the committee met and decided that it was time for a change. It will be held at the Twin Hills Country Club with registration from 12:30 P.M. until 1 P.M.

The cost of this Golf Day will be $10.00 including dinner, green fees, prizes, etc. Please make checks payable to HDMS and specify Golf Day. Send to the office, attention of Mrs. Purdy who will handle all particulars.

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THE CHIROPRACTIC BILLS

On December 17, 1965 the State Senate barely killed Bill H4108 which would have permitted chiropractors to become registered to practice in the state of Massachusetts. The bill pased overwhelmingly in the House but in the Senate the vote was 18 to 16 against it.

Here's how the Senators voted:

For Chiropractic Bill

Oliver F. Ames, Boston
Charles A. Bisbie, Jr., Chesterfield
James F. Burke, Brockton
Harold H. J. Clasky, New Bedford
Harry Della Russo, Revere
Mary L. Fonseca, Fall River
John E. Harrington, Jr., Lowell
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Philip A. Quinn, Spencer
Mario Umana, East Boston
Joseph D. Ward, Fitchburg
Stanley J. Zarod, Indian Orchard

Against

Beryl W. Cohen, Brookline
John J. Conte, Worcester
Leslie B. Cutler, Needham
Stephen C. Davenport, Jamaica Plain
James DeNormandie, Lincoln
Philip A. Graham, Hamilton
George D. Hammond, Westfield
Samuel Harmon, Mattapan
Kevin B. Harrington, Salem
James R. McIntyre, Quincy
John J. Moakley, South Boston
Andrea F. Nuciforo, Pittsfield
John F. Parker, Taunton
John M. Quinlan, Dover
William I. Randall, Framingham
James P. Rurak, Haverhill
William X. Wall, Lawrence
William D. Weeks, Cohasset

Absent or not voting

Charles V. Hogan, Lynn
Allen F. Jones, Barnstable
Fred Lamson, Malden
Denis L. McKenna, Somerville
Philibert L. Pellegrini, Arlington

A 1966 version (H441) of the 1965 Chiropractic Bill has already been filed in the General Court. Another bill (H456), relative to the appointment of a State House chiropractor, has also been filed.

The narrow margin of defeat of the 1965 bill would indicate that it is becoming increasingly difficult to kill bills to register chiropractors in Massachusetts. This should alert all of us to the greatest possible effort in the fight against the 1966 bills, H 441 and H 456. The least we can do is to write to our state legislators urging them to vote against these bills whenever they come to the floor.

Robert W. Emery, M. D.
Legislative Councilor

YOUR COMMITTEE OF CHOICE

As President-Elect, it will shortly become my duty to appoint a number of committees. The effectiveness of a committee is in direct proportion to the interest of its members in the areas of the matters under consideration. Therefore I am using this medium to urge any members of the H.D.M.S. who may have particular interests to let them be known. To accomplish this, merely drop a note to the H.D.M.S. office at 1414 State St., Springfield, addressed to Dr. Harry Memery, Secretary, stating your preferences. This request will, of course, apply only to appointive committees; moreover, it may not be possible to satisfy all requests.

Committee work is the heart of any organization and I urge you to let us know where you wish to apply your talents and your energies.

Vice President and President-Elect
Donald R. Hayes, M. D.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN!
(FINAL REMINDER)

Committee reports that are purely informational in character need not be presented at the Annual Meeting. Instead, they will be published in the April issue of the *Hippocrat.*

The only requirements are: (1) that the report not exceed 300 words; (2) that the original report reach Society headquarters not later than March 20; and (3) that a copy of the report reach the desk of the Editor-in-Chief not later than March 20.

Reports containing "recommendations" will have to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Chairmen of sub-committees will not present reports at the Annual Meeting. They will instead report to their respective parent committees.

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Harry N. Memery, M. D., Secretary

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*November, 1942

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*October, 1945

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*May, 1942

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*August, 1942

Middlesex South District Medical Society
*October, 1942

Middlesex West District Medical Society
*October, 1951

New Bedford Medical Society
*February, 1942

Norfolk District Medical Society
*December, 1945

Norfolk South District Medical Society
*July, 1943

Plymouth District Medical Society
*March, 1946

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COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS' INSURANCE PROGRAMS

A group life insurance program written by the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company was approved by the Council of the Massachusetts Medical Society in 1961 and a charter enrollment period was carried on at that time. An unusual offer was presented then whereby all physicians age 40 years and under who had become members of the Society after January 1, 1961 were entitled to purchase this insurance at half the regular established rate. This special rate applied for five years from the date of becoming a member of the Society.

Dr. Alexander A. Levi, Chairman of the State Committee on Members' Insurance Programs, now announces that the Company has agreed to reopen enrollment at half the premium rate for those members under age 40 who have entered the Society since January 1, 1961. This plan provides five year renewable term insurance to age 70. The amount of insurance is $10,000, increasing to $30,000 in the event of accidental death. Liberal privileges and conversion to permanent insurance are available. Thus members wishing to join this plan should direct their inquiry to the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company, Worcester, Massachusetts, attention of the Massachusetts Medical Society insurance Plan. If, when you enroll, you are age 40 or younger, the premium charged will be reduced 50% for five years from the date you became a member of the Society.

In addition to this State Society Program, the Hampden District Medical Society has its own insurance program underwritten by the Citizens' Life Insurance Company of New York and administered by the Lessere-Wertheim Inc. This provides for life insurance, guaranteed renewable to age 70, at rates which cannot be increased. The insurance is non-cancellable except for non-payment of premium. There are also provisions for waiver in the event of total and permanent disability, conversion rights up to age 65 years, with automatic conversion at age 70 if you are not then reeciving disability benefits. Members, as well as their wives, under age 70 are eligible to participate. The plan participates in dividends which may be used to reduce premiums. New members of the Society are eligible for this insurance without examination for 90 days after becoming a member. Since the enrollment period is now over, other members would be required to fill out a medical questionnaire, but need not submit to an examination.

In addition to this life insurance program, the HDMS also sponsors a Business Overhead Expense program to cover the expense of running your office while you may be disabled without eating into your health and accident insurance benefits. The premiums on this insurance is tax deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes, which is not true of ordinary health and accident insurance premiums. However, any benefits received from this insurance would be taxable as income.

H. Bernard Tillman, M.D.
Chairman

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

During the past year, the State Legislative Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Robert Holland and guided by Mr. E. Spencer and Mr. C. J. Dunn, has been active in screening the various health bills in the Legislature.

On the pages that follow a list of the bills considered by the Committee, is published. 31 of these were supported, 18 were opposed and "no action" was voted on the balance.

The greatest activity of the committee was in opposing the Chiropractic Bill which was recently defeated (see page 9).

However, another bill of the same type is in the workings and again we shall have to marshall our support of the committee, by writing or by contacting in person our state representatives and state senators to oppose this legislation.

The future promises much more legislative action. I would urge each member of the Hampden District Medical Society to take a greater interest in the political scene of the coming year.

I would further recommend and urge that the members seriously consider joining BAYPAC so that we as a Society can have some influence in the coming elections.

Robert W. Emery, M.D., Chairman

MRS. FLANAGAN RETIRES

After 14 years of service as librarian at the Springfield Academy of Medicine, Mrs. Grace Flanagan is retiring on April 1, 1966. She is planning to join her daughter residing now in South Africa.

Mrs. Flanagan is the third librarian in the long history of the Academy. Her amiable personality will be surely missed by all who visit the Library or attend Academy meetings.

DR. DANIELS

As we go to press we learn with great sorrow of the sudden death of Dr. Marie Daniels Bagg on March 5, 1966.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to her husband Dr. Edward P. Bagg, Editor Emeritus of the Hippocrat.

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LEGISLATIVE HOPPER

The following are some of the bills under consideration this year in the General Court of Mass. The number of the bill, a brief description thereof, person introducing same, legislative commmittee considering same, and the recommendations made by the M.M.S. Legislative Committee are given. Bills upon which the Committee voted "No Action" are not listed. For more information, you should contact Dr. Emery, chairman of the H.D.M.S. Legislative Committee, or the Society's office.

DRUGS

S439 & S443—Providing that prescriptions issued by physicians, dentists or veterinarians shall be imprinted or stamped with their seals. (Sen. Umana) Public Health—OPPOSE as unnecessary and impractical.

S440 & S442—Prohibiting the sale of products containing opium or derivatives thereof by stores other than drug stores. (Sen. Umana) Public Health—SUPPORT

H2349 & H2615—Amending the narcotic drug laws. (Rep. Armstrong) Public Health. Adds LSD, psilocybin, D.M.T. to narcotic drugs. — SUPPORT

H2350—Amending the reporting of births of mongoloid children. (Rep. DiLorenzo) Public Health—OPPOSE. 96-hour requirements insufficient.

H2140—Providing imposition of a penalty for leaving narcotic drugs in an unattended motor vehicle. (Mass. Chiefs of Police Association). Judiciary—OPPOSE

HOSPITALS

S424—To promote out-patient rehabilitation services for the elderly. (Rep. Welch) Public Health—COUNSEL TO CLARIFY AND REPORT

H430—Resolve providing for an investigation and study of the internal management and operation of the various hospitals, infirmaries and public medical institutions licensed in Massachusetts. (Sen. Harmon) Public Health—OPPOSE

S435—Authorizing the Department of Public Health to establish rules and regulations for the operation of ambulances. (Sen. Lamson) Public Health—SUPPORT

S539—To create a division of extended care facilities in the Department of Public Health and to strengthen and make more equitable the licensing and regulation of nursing homes. (Sen. Donahue) State Administration—SUPPORT

S53—Authorizing trustees of state hospitals to appoint and remove professional personnel. (Sens. Kelly and Pigaga) Civil Service—COUNSEL TO CHECK

H2832—Regarding the keeping of records by hospitals, dispensaries or clinics, and sanatoria licensed by the Department of Public Health. (Rep. Sheehan) Public Health—COUNSEL TO CHECK

S354—Regarding approval of accident and sickness policies containing multiple optional benefits. (William Giles, Jr.) Insurance

S212—Regarding non-profit hospital service corporations. (Sen. Parker) Insurance

S213—Regulating profit making medical service plans and further regulation of general and blanket accident and health insurance policies.

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S214—Regarding non-profit medical service corporations and medical service plans. (Sen. Parker) Insurance

Society to check with Blue Shield for information on all above bills.

LEGAL

H381—Providing that certain charitable corporations or organizations shall be liable for the tortious acts of their employees. (Rep. Sigourney) Judiciary—OPPOSE

H992—Allowing submission of blood samples in cases of motor vehicle fatalities. (William J. Curran and Rep. Dukakis) Judiciary—SUPPORT

H1267—Facilitating anatomical gifts. (Rep. Wheeler) Legal Affairs—SUPPORT

H2612—Establishing a commission on post-mortem examinations. (Rep. Donovan) Public Health—COUNSEL TO CHECK

H1505—Establishing procedures for post-mortem medical examinations and creating the office of medical examiner for the Commonwealth. (Ed. Brooke) Public Health—OPPOSE AS IMPRACTICAL. RECOMMEND A STUDY.

MENTAL HEALTH

H53—Providing for additional compensation for certain supervisory and teaching personnel in the Department of Mental Health. (Dept. of Mental Health.) Public Service—SUPPORT

H54—Further regulating boarding out of certain patients. (Dept. of Mental Health.) Public Welfare—SUPPORT

H55—Authorizing the continued employment of certain skilled persons on an emergency basis after their retirements. (Dept. of Mental Health.) Pensions—SUPPORT

H57—Increasing fees for physicians authorized to make certain mental examinations. (Dept. of Mental Health.) Public Welfare—SUPPORT

S650—Establishing an advisory council on manpower development and training of psychologists in the Department of Mental Health. (Sen. Donahue) Public Welfare—OPPOSE

S230—Relative to increased protection to persons complained of or under indictment. (Melvin Pollard) Judiciary—COUNSEL TO CHECK

H1326—Authorizing Department of Mental Health to establish a vocational training center in Framingham for training mentally retarded persons. (Myron J. Coplan) Public Welfare—SUPPORT

H1329—Defining responsibility for supervision and contol of certain conditionally released sexually dangerous persons. (Edward W. Brooke) Public Welfare—COUNSEL TO CHECK

H1515—Requiring psychiatric exams for appointment of regular police officers. (Rep. Haynes) Public Service—(Tentative) SUPPORT. COUNSEL TO GET MORE INFORMATION.

H2085—Authorizes and directs Department of Education to construct and maintain a building for training certain mentally retarded children in Chelsea, Winthrop and in East Boston, Boston. (Rep. DiLorenzo) Education—SUPPORT GENERAL PRINCIPLE

H2370—Providing for the publication of a list of all facilities and benefits available for mentally retarded persons. (Rep. Pasciucco) Public Welfare—SUPPORT

H2710—Providing that mental health records shall be open to public inspection. (Jesse MacDonald) Public Welfare—COUNSEL TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION

H2844—Providing for the establishment of comprehensive habilitation and treatment centers for the mentally retarded in Fitchburg and in or near Springfield. (Rep. Pasciucco and DiLorenzo) Public Welfare—SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE

MISCELLANEOUS

H1018—Repealing the law relative to the use

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of certain animals for scientific experiments. (Mary E. Weeks) Legal Affairs—OPPOSE

S576—To increase or impose fees for certain registrations, documents, or services. (Sen. Kenneally) Taxation—OPPOSE

H426—To create a Board of Review of medical licensure. (John V. Dunlea) Public Health —COUNSEL TO CHECK BACKGROUND. A study commission to consider the problems of the Board of Registration, etc., was recommended.

S446—Relative to regulations by the Board of Registraion in Medicine. (The Board's bill.) Public Health—SUPPORT (Question of amount of registration fee.)

H441—Establishing Board of Chiropractors and defining its powers and duties. (Reps. Chanian and Saulnier) Public Health—OPPOSE

H456—Relative to appointment of State House Chiropractor. (Rep. LeBlanc) Public Service—OPPOSE

H39—To remove arbitrary restrictions on the qualifications of certain physicians to testify in workmen's compensation cases. (Div. of Industrial Accidents) Labor & Industries—SUPPORT

H2965—Providing for physicians or pharmacists to be authorized to furnish drugs or articles for the prevention of pregnancy or conception. (Richard S. Landry) Public Health—SUPPORT URGE DISTRICT ACTION

H2826—Further regulating the qualifications of applicants for registration as qualified physicians. (Charles Robinson) Public Health —MORE INFORMATION REQUESTED

H2830—Regarding licensure of physicians in the state who have previously been licensed by certain other states. (Rep. Ohanian) Public Health—MORE INFORMATION REQUESTED The aforementioned study suggested could include also H2826, H2830.

H1299—Relative to certain fees in connection with autopsies. (Rep. Cain) Public Health—OPPOSE, "reasonable compensation" in present is satisfactory wording.

PUBLIC HEALTH

S447—Regarding water resources and control of air and water pollution. (Julius Meltzer) Public Health—MORE INFORMATION REQUESTED

H78—Resolve, providing for an investigation and study by a special commission of the condition of dental health, especially among children, and of appropriate measures towards eliminating dental decay, including the fluoridation of all community water supplies. (Dept. of Public Health) Public Health—SUPPORT

H70—Providing for protection of the public health as related to certain nuclear facilities. (Dept. of Public Health) Public Health—SUPPORT

H71—Providing that no works or system for disposal of refuse shall be established or constructed unless the plans or design therefore have been approved by the Dept. of Public Health. (Dept. of Public Health) Public Health—RECORD IN FAVOR

H76—Pertaining to the assignment of a site for refuse disposal. (Dept. of Public Health) Public Health—RECORD IN FAVOR

H676—Authorizing and directing the Department of Public Health to establish and maintain a school of nursing at the Lakeville Hospital in the Town of Lakeville. (Rep. LeBlanc) Public Health—FAVOR FOR LPN'S

H193—To clarify the health and welfare law. (State Labor Council, AFL - CIO) Labor and Industries—COUNSEL TO CHECK TO DETERMINE IF MMS NEED BE INVOLVED

H739—Eliminating the requirement that the Commissioner of Public Health has a degree in Public Health. (F. J. McGrath and Rep. Reynolds) Cities—OPPOSE. More information requested.

H1492—Allowing continued employment after

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70 to physicians whether or not they are members of a contributory retirement system. (Sen. Weeks) Pensions and OA—SUPPORT

H2409—Regarding physical examinations under Civil Service Law and rules. (Irving Murstein) Civil Service—COUNSEL TO CHECK TO SEE IF MMS ACTION NEEDED

H2831—Furnishing Swartz live attenuated measles vaccine to certain children and others. (Rep. Robinson) Public Health—SUPPORT

SAFETY

H622—To modify the percentage of alcohol at which a defendant shall be presumed under the influence of intoxicating liquor. (Registrar McLaughlin and Rep. Longworth) Judiciary —FAVOR

H579—Authorizes and directs Registrar to suspend operator's license of a person committed by the court to a state hospital for mental observation. (Rep. DiCarlo) Highways and Motor Vehicles—OPPOSE

H599—Requiring seat belts on school buses. (Registrar McLaughlin and Rep. Menton) —COMMENT: "Each school bus shall be equipped with seat belts for each pupil carried thereon."—SUPPORT

H600—Requiring operators or attendants or ambulances to have current certificates of competence and training in first aid. (Registrar McLaughlin and Rep. Menton) Highways and Motor Vehicles—OPPOSE last section as weakening existing law.

H1209—Requiring reports to the Commissioner of Public Health regarding persons incapacitated to operate motor vehicles. (Registrar McLaughlin) Highways and Motor Vehicles—Cannot support as written. Committee recommended a study by an ad hoc committee of the Society. A state study commission was suggested.

H780—Providing for periodic examination of persons licensed to operate motor vehicles. (Mass. Safety Council) Highways and Motor Vehicles. —RECOMMEND STUDY BY SOCIETY AD HOC COMMITTEE

H1008—Modifying existing procedures relating to the administration of certain chemical tests designed to measure intoxication. (William J. Curran) Judiciary—SUPPORT

H1201—Authorizing Registrar of Motor Vehicles to suspend licenses to operate motor vehicles following refusal to submit to chemical tests of analysis designed to measure intoxication. (Registrar McLaughlin) Highways and Motor Vehicles—SUPPORT PRINCIPLE. COUNSEL TO CLARIFY

S141—To require a periodic eye examination of every licensed driver. (Mass. Division, AAA) Highways and Motor Vehicles—RECOMMEND STUDY BY SOCIETY AD HOC COMMITTEE

PUBLIC WELFARE

H887—To permit private assistance to convalescent or nursing home patients or rest home residents receiving public aid. (Rita Welch) Public Welfare—SUPPORT

H1655—Regarding fee charged by physicians and podiatrists for services rendered to recipients of old-age assistance. (Rep. Shea) Pensions —OPPOSE

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HAMPDEN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 26

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, APRIL 12 and MAY 24

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, APRIL 12 (See page 29)

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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, NEW YORK, APRIL 18-22

M.M.S. COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 16

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It is regrettable that Hampden District has been uninterested in sending a representative of their eleven-men committee on Mental Health that has been invited monthly to attend meetings of the State Committee on these urgent matters that are primarily of interest to the Districts and collectively to the State Society.

Shall the Hampden District continue to accede to the policy of "too little" ? too late.

What is the policy of Hampden District on Mental Health? Or does it relegate its policy making on all matters to the Executive Committee, or in this case the Committee on Mental Health that seems fearful of the presenting of a resolution or a real informative report?

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FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING
(Highlights)

The mid-winter meeting of the Council of the Massachusetts Medical Society was held at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Boston on February 10, 1966.

Councilors present from Hampden were: Drs. Arenstam, Bronas, Baker, Burkhardt, Bloom, Callan, Franseen, Gilchriest, Hayes, Johnson, Kelly, LaMarche, Miller, Mills, and Reilly.

The meeting was called to order by President Welch at 10:10 A.M., who announced the formation of the following new committees to deal with problems relative to Medicare:

(1) State Advisory Committee on Utilization of Medicare.

(2) Committee on Heart Disease, Strokes, and Cancer to organize on a regional basis with other New England States.

(3) Committee on Physicians' Payments under Medicare.

New appointments to Committees on Blood Banks, Disaster, Medical Care, Boston Medical Library, Prevailing Fees, and Conference with the Bar Association, were announced. None were from the western part of the state.

Obituaries of Drs. Roger Lee and Paul Hinchey were read and a moment of silence was observed.

It was announced that two physicians have had their participation membership in Blue Shield cancelled during the current year.

Chiropractic Bill

Informational reports on State Legislation, Prevailing Fees and on Public Relations were received. It was again pointed out that the Chiropractic Bill was defeated by only two votes in the Senate and that the committee urgently needed help from the districts. A measure to remove the $25.00 penalty for each failure to confirm an oral prescription has been filed.

The Society has apparently won its battle against paying taxes on the profits of the New England Journal of Medicine. It anticipates the refund of monies already paid under protest. These, however, have not yet been received.

The By-Laws Committee's recommendation that the procedure for electing committees from the districts remain unchanged, was approved.

A resolution relative to graduates of discontinued American and foreign medical schools, was recommitted to committee for further study as was also a resolution to make senior fellowship automatic at the age of sixty-five.

A contribution of $200.00 to the Student AMA - ERF was approved. Mr. Healy, a medical student at Boston University, appeared in person to thank the Society. The scholarship

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The Committee on Medical Service secured approval of a recommendation that nurses be trained to provide closed heart cardio-pulmonary resuscitation in the absence of a physician, and also to administer intravenous fluids on the order of a physician.

It was voted to encourage general hospitals to provide psychiatric services for patients, now that such services have been legalized. A resolution to set up a board to advise the Board of Registration in Medicine on doctors who wish to register but have difficulty passing the examinations, was rejected, as was also a resolve that the Medical Society support periodic registration of physicians. A request that the Society approve "dial a Dietician" service, was considered to be outside the scope of the Society.

Nursing Homes Under Medicare

On a resolution regarding "Utilization Committees for Nursing Homes under Medicare", the Council voted that:

The Massachusetts Medical Society recommends that utilization review committees be provided for long-term facility with a local hospital medical staff.

A medical staff committee of a hospital would act as the utilization committee of one or more local nursing homes.

The Massachusetts Medical Society is opposed to public agency supervision of nursing home utilization.

The Massachusetts Medical Society recommends that in areas where affiliation of the long-term facility with a local hospital is not practical, the local medical society provide a medical utilization review committee for one or more nursing homes.

The Insurance Committee secured the approval of the Council for Physicians' Group Plan Blue Cross-Blue Shield as the official plan of the Society. It also secured the privilege of adjudicating disputes between members of the Society and insurance carriers.

Reports of the Committee on Membership, Occupational Health and Public Health, were received. A joint policy agreement between the MMS, the Mass. Hospital Association and Red Cross Blood Program, was approved.

The Committee on Tax Supported Medical Care was instructed to negotiate with the Public Welfare Department to secure free choice of physician for patients on Public Welfare and also to provide proper reimbursement of doctors for their services. The suit against the Department of Public Welfare has been cancelled by the death

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f the lawyer handling the case. The Department of Public Welfare has designated by the Governor to handle the various phases of the Medicare Act. An ad hoc committee of the MMS was authorized to deal with these problems on a continuing basis.

A resolution that the MMS be represented on any committee planning for heart disease, cancer and strokes under federal law, was approved. A committee has been appointed for this purpose.

Under New Business, the following resolutions were received and referred to Committee:

(1) That mental health and psychiatry be included under heart disease, cancer and stroke programs.

(2) Recommendation that blood Hintons be done on all patients in general hospitals and that doctors not reporting V. D. cases or contacts to the Public Health Service, be disciplined by the Ethics and Discipline Committee.

(3) That after-care under Blue Shield be assigned to the attending physician on a basis of his credentials.

(4) A resolution relative to the supervision and licensing of Commercial clinical laboratories.

Under suspension of the rules, the Council voted that the clinical laboratory is a part of the practice of Medicine.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

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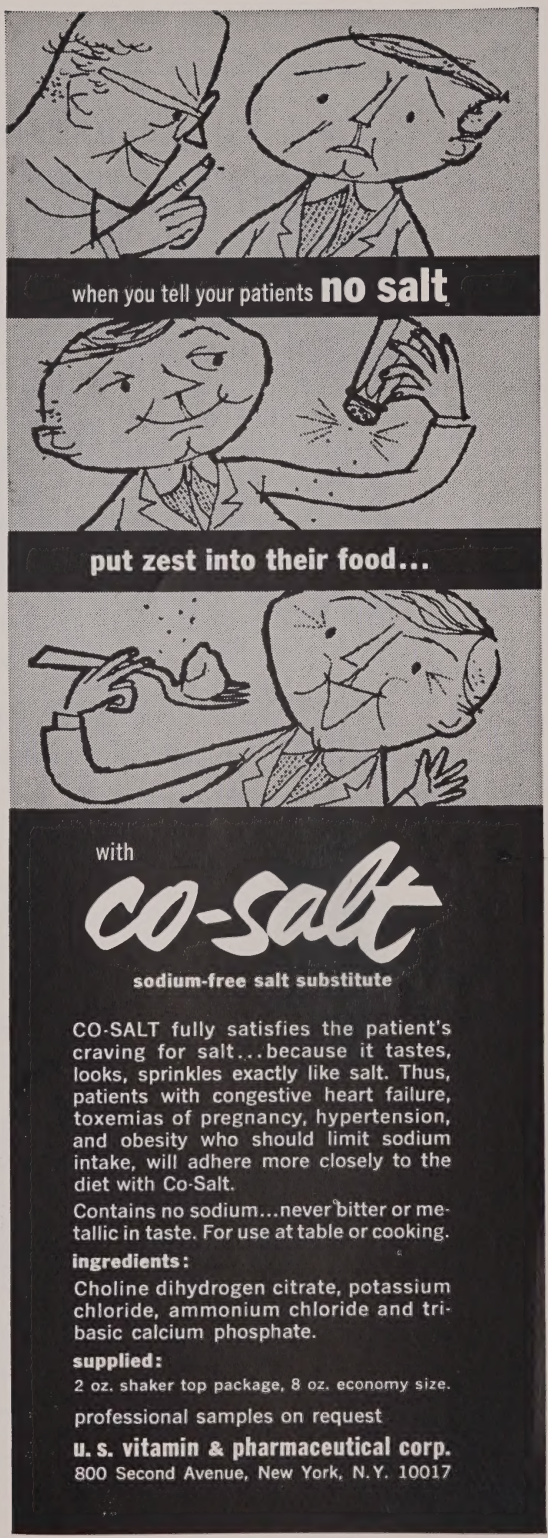
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For the past 15 years he has been diagnosing the ills of members of the Legislature, State employees and all visitors to the State House who have need of his services.

His office patients average 60 per day; yearly, they surpass 15,000. Office hours for State employees are from 9 to 5. The doctor's day, however, does not end until each daily session of the Legislature is finished. On many occasions, especially during prorogation, this can be the wee hours of the morning.

Patient ailments range from the common cold, foreign body in the eye, heart attack, epileptic seizure, etc. to the occasional person who is seeking an excuse to duck away to see a ball game or the races at Suffolk Downs.

Many a piece of legislation now on the list of Massachusetts statutes would have wound up in the limbo of the unknown had not the doctor been on hand to practice his art on an ailing Senator or Representative who was sponsoring the bill.

The son of immigrant parents, Dr. Skvirsky attended Springfield schools, graduating from Central High School (now Classical) in 1916. He sold newspapers earning the title "King of the Newsboys". He graduated from Tufts Medical School in 1922 and interned at Boston City Hospital. Subsequently he was appointed assistant physician at Bridgewater State Hospital in charge of the Defective Delinquent Division.

In 1924 he joined the staff of the Holyoke Hospital and remained in private practice in that city for some 14 years. While there, he concerned himself with public health and sanitation problems. For a period of more than eight years he was chairman and secretary of the Holyoke Board of Health. He was a member of the Hampden District Medical Society and the Springfield Academy of Medicine. In 1956 he attended the Harvard School of Public Health, and the following year was appointed to the State Department of Public Health.

In 1951 the Massachusetts Legislature named him State House Physician. Last year the Massachusetts State Employees Association honored Dr. Skvirsky with an Award for his distinguished service.

He is married to the former Sarah Silverman and the couple has three children. They make their home in Brookline, Mass.

For the past 16 years, until his retirement from the post this year, Dr. Skvirsky served as Secretary of the Norfolk District Medical Society.

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PROGRAMS AT THE SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL

Medicine — Prof. Schnabel

Physician-in-Chief Pro Tempore at Springfield Hospital on March 30, 1966 will be Dr. Truman G. Schnabel, Jr., Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, it was announced by Dr. Victor Grove, Physician-in-Chief at Springfield Hospital.

The all day session will consist of a clinicopathological conference in the morning and case presentations by staff physicians in the afternoon. Dinner will be served at 6:30 in the large dining room and will be in honor of Dr. Schnabel.

Dr. Schnabel will give his formal lecture at 8 p.m., choosing for his topic, "The Pathophysiology of Congestive Heart Failure."

In addition to being a member of many medical societies, and having published widely in the field of cardiology, the lecturer is Consultant in Cardiology, Walston General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey, and is serving as assistant secretary to the National Board of Medical Examiners. He is associated with the University of Pennsylvania Hospital and Philadelphia General Hospital.

Surgery — Prof. Mulholland

Dr. John H. Mulholland, Professor of Surgery, New York University School of Medicine, and Director of Surgery, Bellevue and University Hospitals, New York City, will serve as Surgeon-in-Chief Pro Tempore at The Springfield Hospital April 15 and 16.

The program, under the direction of Springfield Hospital Surgeon-in-Chief Dr. Theodore R. Miner and Program Chairman Dr. John A. Prybylo, will get under way Friday morning with case presentations by staff physicians and private and ward rounds in the afternoon. Dinner, Friday evening will be in honor of Dr. Mulholland, time and place to be announced.

Dr. Mulholland will give his formal lecture Saturday morning at 10 A.M., speaking on the subject, "Some Surgical Aspects of Lymph and Lymph Flow."

The guest lecturer is a member of the American Surgical Association, the Society of University Surgeons, and the American College of Surgeons.

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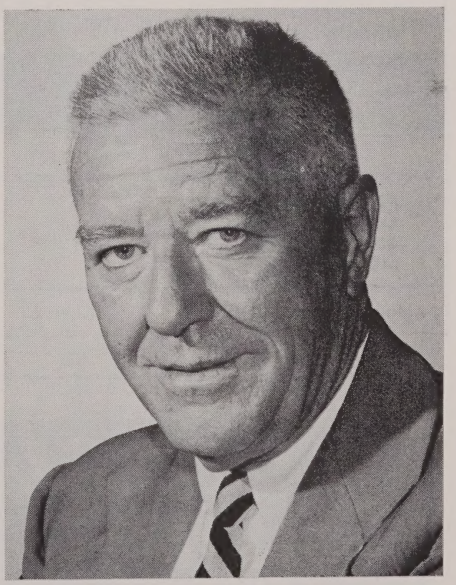
The programs are open to physicians, residents, interns, nurses, and other interested medical personnel.



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	Add'l 30 days (Lifetime Limit of 190 days for treatment in Mental Hospitals)	$10 a day	100% of balance
Posthospital Extended Care	First 20 days	Nothing	100%
	Add'l 80 days	$5 a day	100% of balance
Outpatient Hospital Diagnostic Service	During 20-day Period	$20 plus 20% of balance	80% of total bill after deduction of first $20
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Q—*If a physician fails to refer a patient to a specialist for necessary treatment, is the physician liable for resulting injuries to the patient?*

A—Although a general practitioner is legally permitted to furnish any treatment or perform any operation required for the well-being of his patient, he may be liable for resulting injury to the patient if the condition of his patient requires care which is beyond his competence or for which he does not have the necessary equipment. *Manion v. Tweedy,* 100 N.W. 2d 124.

Q—*Is the surgeon liable for the acts of a scrub nurse employed by the hospital who is remiss in her duty of preparing the operating room preceeding the beginning of the operation?*

A—No, her negligence cannot be attributed to the surgeon because she was not in any sense his employee in the task of preparing the operating room. *Clary v. Christiansen,* 83 N E. 2d 644

Q—*Is a surgeon liable after an operation is concluded, for treatment administered by floor nurses and interns in the regular course of services ordinarily furnished by a hospital?*

A—No, nurses and interns as to all such care and attention are acting exclusively on behalf of the hospital and not as assistants to the surgeon. *Shull v. Schwartz,* 73 A. 2d 402.

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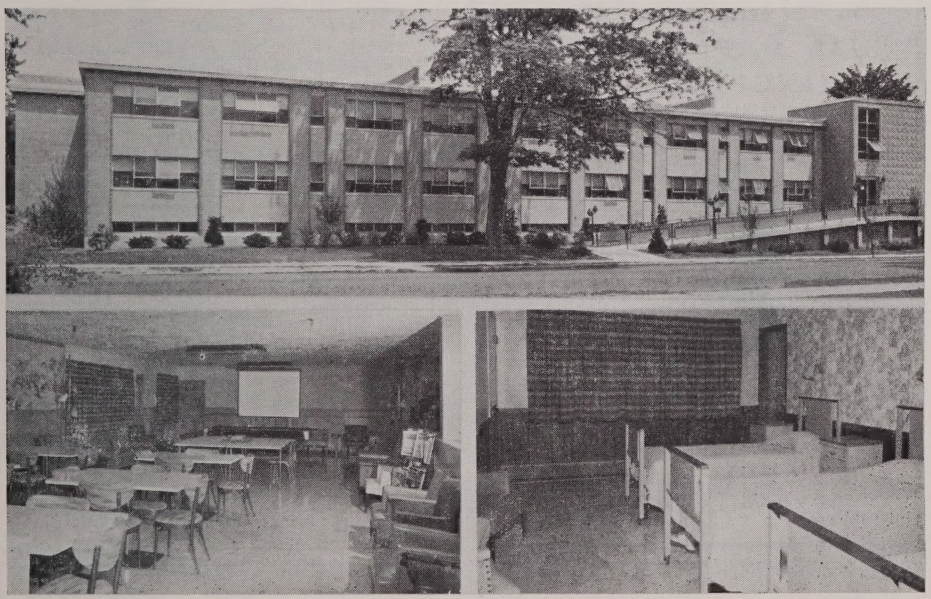

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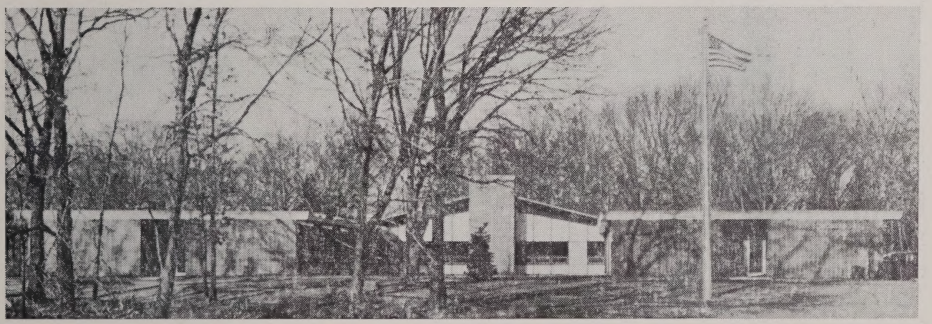

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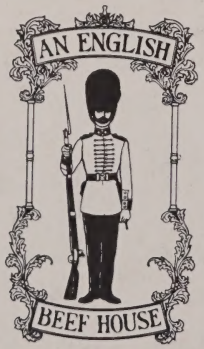

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